

Middlesex Recreation Commission  
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846  
Commission Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2016

Chair Sherley Penrose opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Commission members present:

Cassius Kennick  
Bob May  
Sherley Penrose  
Rich Rutkowski  
Lileen Schwarz  
Rich Tarbous

Members Absent:

Kevin Dotey  
John Madden, Council Liaison  
Dina Fornataro-Healey, Recreation Director

Also present:

Mike Girvan, Assist. Recreation Director

Bob May made a motion to accept June 2016 minutes with a second by Cassius Kennick and approved by all members present.

**Public Session:**

1. Jonathan Miller – 8564 Voorhees Avenue, requested his son be placed on the same soccer team coached by Coach Penna due a transportation problem. Commission agreed on this request

**Directors Report**

- Bowling summer session will start on July 13<sup>th</sup> and run through August 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are 2 children registered.
- Buddy Ball meeting with the program coordinators was held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. A schedule has been made for all of the programs for 2016-2017 and made a list of items needed.
- Yoga new session will run from May 9<sup>th</sup> until July 11<sup>th</sup>. There are 10 registered.
- Toddler program Happy Camper Club registration is out and we are offering 5 weeks. Forms for the fall programs will be available in mid July.
- Movie in the Park movie nights will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup> and in conjunction with National Night Out on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. July 8<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to inclement weather. Daddy Day Care will be shown on July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- PonyShare summer camp was cancelled due to lack of participants. A program for spring break week in April 2017 is trying to be scheduled.
- Soccer forms were delivered to the schools and the deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Track program is being worked out with Mike Walters.
- Tennis US Sports Institute will offer a Thursday and/or Sunday tennis program starting mid-April at Mt. View Park. There will also be a four day tennis camp the weeks of July 5<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Summer Playground has 110 children registered. There are 41 children at Watchung and 69 at the High School. They will be taking a trip to iPlay America on July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Slide at Haverstick Park – steps on the dinosaur slide are damaged from years of wear and tear. The governing body has allocated capital funds to replace slide and we are just waiting for approval.

**Councilmatic report** – No representative

**Trust Account and Account details report**

Motion to accept made by Rich Rutkowski pending the auditors' approval and seconded by Rich Tarbous. Roll call was taken with all Commissioners approving.

**Commission Committee reports-** No reports

**Board of Education Report** - No representative

**Correspondence –**

1. Recreation Director received a request from Monica Townsend to use the Recreation Center for her sorority to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month. The Commission would like Ms. Townsend to come to a meeting to explain her request further and for questions.
2. Recreation Director received a request from Brian Ashlick to hold his free one day Hypnotizing seminar. The hypnoses with help individuals of all ages to stop smoking. The Commission would like Mr. Ashlick to come to a meeting to explain his request further and for questions.

**Volunteer nomination** - None

**New Business**

1. The Policy Sub-Committee met at 6:30pm on July 11<sup>th</sup> to review the policy as required. Recommendations were made to make an update to Policy #1 Item #1 Appendices E - Participant Guidelines and updates to Item 3. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
2. It was brought to the Recreation Commission's attention that the bathrooms at Mountain View Park were in need of a good cleaning. DPW will be contacted regarding this issue.

**Old Business**

1. Recreation Commission is still working on ways to resolve issue with closing west side of road in the back of MVP. Recreation Director is going to meet with DPW the week of May 16<sup>th</sup> as to where to put new signs and paint crosswalk.
2. Recreation Director discussed if a policy or statement should be created regarding pictures or videos posted to social media of children involved in Recreation activities. After speaking to our attorney, the Recreation Commission and Recreation Director cannot regulate others from taking pictures or videos and posting them to social media of children involved in Recreation activities. No pictures will be taken by the Recreation Commission or Recreation Director except for picture day. No policy is also needed regarding this matter.

Seeing no other old or new business, Commissioner Penrose read a statement advising residents that the approved minutes will be available on the Borough Website within three working days of the meeting and the agenda for the next meeting will be posted on the Recreation Bulletin Board no later than 48 hours prior to the monthly meeting.

At 8:04 p.m., Commissioner Rich Rutkowski made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Bob May.

Next Recreation Commission meeting will be August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 7:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by  
Linda Chicarelli, Rec-Commission Secretary